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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Kazuhisa ARAI et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1745A  
Filed December 17, 2003 :  
WAFER SUPPORT PLATE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.